

SENATE RESOLUTION 129
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Charles McCutchen Corn on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Charles McCutchen Corn is one such commendable individual who served as the First Public Defender of the Tenth Judicial District in Tennessee from September of 1989 until his retirement in January of 2005; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 1937, Frances and Terrell Corn became the proud parents of their fourth child, Charles McCutchen; Charlie joined an older sister and two older brothers; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Corn grew up in Cleveland, Tennessee, and graduated from Bradley Central High School in 1955; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, he graduated from Duke University, and then continued his education at Vanderbilt University, from which he earned his law degree in 1962; he also served on the Vanderbilt Law Review in 1960-61 and was an Associate Editor in 1962; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, Charlie Corn joined the United States Army Reserves in October of 1962, and served six months of active duty at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Corn worked for a law firm in Atlanta from 1963 to 1964; he obtained his Tennessee Law License in 1962, Georgia Law License in 1964, Federal Court Certification in 1964, and returned to Cleveland in 1964 to join Ray Davis in private law practice; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Corn was married in 1967 to Susan Callaway, and their union was blessed with one daughter, Elizabeth Frances Corn, on October 2, 1973; and

WHEREAS, during the early 1970s, Charlie Corn worked as a part-time prosecutor with the District Attorney's office, and in September of 1989, he took the position of Tenth Judicial District Public Defender, which he held for nearly fifteen years and from which he is now retired; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Corn has lent his superb leadership skills to numerous civic endeavors and is an important figure in the advancement of many worthy organizations; for twenty years he served as the President on the Board of Hiawassee Mental Health, and also served on the Cleveland, Bradley, and Ft. Loudon Library Board; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Charlie Corn has served on the Board of Directors of Manufacturers Soap and Chemical Corporations and the Tennessee Executive Committee of the Sierra Club, and currently serves on the Board of Directors at Hardwick Clothes; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments notwithstanding, Charlie Corn is most grateful for the love and support of his wife and daughter, and his favorite way to pass the time is in the company of his two-year-old grandson, Joseph Y. "Little Mac" McCain, IV, who has named his grandfather "Dad O"; and

WHEREAS, following his well-earned retirement, Charlie Corn will enjoy the pursuit of his hobbies of reading, hiking, exercise, and travel; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Corn has dedicated himself to the pursuit of bettering the lives of his fellow human beings and improving his community; he epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people like Charlie Corn, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Corn has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his clients, his colleagues, and his community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to seize this golden opportunity to recognize and honor this estimable public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Charles McCutchen Corn for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.